

Priorities for determining WIC eligibility. Now that the newness of MSPIRIT has been overcome and life is returning to normal, the State office staff are conducting monitoring visits. It has come to our attention that a reminder of the priorities in WIC are needed.

The First Priority is: participants must be categorically eligible.

- Women – Pregnant/Breastfeeding/Postpartum
- Infants to one year of age, and
- Children to age five

The Second Priority is: participants must be income eligible.

- Adjunctive eligibility must be verified.
- Proof of income for the most recent one month time period must be provided.
- Tribal members receiving benefits from their tribal program must provide Tribal ID to self-declare income.

The Third Priority is: participants receiving Montana WIC benefits must reside in Montana and provide proof of residency.

The Fourth Priority is: participants must be nutritionally eligible.

Do not forget that these priorities need to be verified and documentation must be in the electronic file.